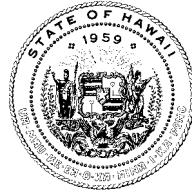


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**Consumer Advocate Invites Public's Opinion on Proposed Verizon Sale**

Provides Hearing Schedule Information, Encourages Media Assistance to Publicize Hearings

Honolulu – The State's Division of Consumer Advocacy (DCA) encourages members of the local media to help educate the public about the proposed sale of Verizon Hawaii to The Carlyle Group by announcing public hearing information during their local news casts. This information should be released the day prior to or on the day of the public hearing, however producers see fit. A full screen graphic with an accompanying sound bite is highly recommended.

The proposed sale of Verizon Hawaii to The Carlyle Group could significantly affect consumers statewide, which makes the opportunity to comment on this matter very important. Many individuals do not realize that such an opportunity is available to them and in most instances there is only one hearing scheduled for each island.

**Verizon Sale Statewide Public Hearings Schedule**

**Docket No. 04-0140**

**Oahu**

Today, October 5, 2004, 6:00 p.m.  
State Capitol Auditorium, Basement Level  
415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu

**Kauai**

Thursday, October 7, 2004, 6:00 p.m.  
Lihue Neighborhood Center (Old Building)  
3353 Eono Street, Lihue

**Maui**

Tuesday, October 12, 2004, 6:00 p.m.  
Maui Waena Intermediate School Cafeteria  
795 Onehee Avenue, Kahului

**Molokai**

Wednesday, October 13, 2004, 6:00 p.m.  
Mitchel Pauole Center Conference Room  
90 Ainoa Street, Kaunakakai

**Lanai**

Thursday, October 14, 2004, 6:00 p.m.  
Lanai High & Elementary School Cafeteria  
Fraser Avenue, Lanai City

**Hawaii-Kona**

Tuesday, October 19, 2004, 6:00 p.m.  
Kealakehe Intermediate School Cafeteria  
74-5062 Onipa'a Street, Kailua-Koan

**Hawaii-Hilo**

Wednesday, October 20, 2004, 6:00 p.m.  
Hilo Intermediate School Cafeteria  
587 Waianuenue Avenue, Hilo

Hearing and other information can also be accessed at the DCA web site  
[www.hawaii.gov/dcca/dca](http://www.hawaii.gov/dcca/dca).

In addition to the hearings, individuals may also express their opinions by sending written comments to the following two addresses:

The Public Utilities Commission  
465 South King Street, Room #103  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Or  
E-mail: Hawaii.PUC@hawaii.gov

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The Division of Consumer Advocacy  
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